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15. A method of selling prescription contact lenses comprising:
- transferring customer identification, address, and diagnostic data pertaining to a customer from a physician to a contact lens provider through a communication network;
 - assigning a registration number to the customer and storing the registration number assigned in relationship with the customer identification and diagnostic data transferred to the provider;
 - providing the registration number assigned and selling agent locality data in geographical relation to the customer address data from the contact lens provider to the customer through the communication network; and
 - providing the registration number, the customer identification data, and the diagnostic data from the contact lens provider to a selling agent through the communication network.

16. The method of Claim 15, wherein a service charge is paid by the contact lens provider to the selling agent upon monthly payment by the customer.

17. A method of selling prescription contact lenses comprising:
- transferring customer identification, address, and diagnostic data pertaining to a customer from a physician to a contact lens provider through a communication network;

assigning a registration number to the customer and storing the registration number assigned in relationship with the customer identification and diagnostic data transferred to the provider;

providing the registration number assigned and selling agent data for a selling agent closest in geographical relation to the customer based on the customer address data, from the contact lens provider to the customer, through the communication network;

delivering a contact lens from the selling agent to the customer; and

transferring delivery data from the selling agent to the contact lens provider through the communication network.

18. The method of Claim 17, including delivering notification of an approaching deadline to replace the contact lens from the contact lens provider to the customer through the communication network.

19. The method of Claim 18, including offering new contact lenses to the customer in exchange for old contact lenses and a monthly payment by the user.

20. The method of Claim 17, including periodically offering for sale contact lens care articles by the contact lens provider to the customer through the communication network.